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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BEXP, CG

SUBJECT: GECAMINES EXPANSION PROGRAM

REF: STATE 141924

1. IBRD REP GUETTA JULY 9 IN CONFIDENCE SHOWED ME INTERNAL IBRD MEMCON IN WHICH UMBA IS QUOTED AS HAVING DEFINITELY DECIDED IN FAVOR OF TURNKEY APPROACH. UMBA APPARENTLY PLANS SEEK BIDS ON TWO APPROACHES: (A) POTENTIAL LEAD CONTRACTORS WILL BID ON THE ENTIRE PROJECT; AND (B) INDIVIDUAL BIDS WILL BE SOUGHT FOR THE 14 MODULES, AFTER WHICH THE WINNER OF ONE OF THE LARGEST COMPONENTS WOULD BE ASKED TO UNDERTAKE PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE. ALTHOUGH BIDS WILL BE SOUGHT FOR BOTH (A) AND (B), GUETTA CATEGORICALLY CONFIRMED THAT ONE FIRM WILL BE GIVEN OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT. MOREOVER, GUETTA QUOTED UMBA AS BEING OF THE OPINION THAT COMPETITION WAS EFFECTIVELY NARROWED TO THREE MAJOR US FIRMS.

2. GUETTA SAID UMBA HAD DECIDED GECAMINES DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT STAFF TO HANDLE COORDINATION OF EXPANSION PROGRAM AND THAT TIME FACTOR MILITATED AGAINST SEEKING TO RECRUIT SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL ENGINEERS TO DO JOB IN HOUSE.

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3. GUETTA ALSO CONFIRMED THAT LIBYANS AND IBRD ARE, IN PRINCIPAL, PREPARED TO LOAN \$100 MILLION EACH FOR GECAMINES EXPANSION. \$20 MILLION TO COME FROM EUROPEAN BANK FOR DEVELOPMENT AND BALANCE OF \$450 MILLION FROM GECAMINES. GUETTA SAID IBRD PRESIDENT NCNAMARA WOULD GO TO LIBYA AUGUST 8-9 TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH GOL AND THAT IBRD, GOL, GECAMINES NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BEGIN IN WASHINGTON AROUND OCTOBER 7.

4. IN JULY 6 MEETING DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY BISENGIMANA SAID THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPANSION PROJECT RESTED WITH UMBA. LATTER SCHEDULED TO MAKE REPORT ON SUBJECT IN KINSHASA JULY 18. IN ADDITION TO REPORTING UMBA'S PUBLIC VIEWS, WILL SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO CONFIRM GUETTA'S UNDERSTANDING DIRECTLY WITH UMBA.  
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